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In re Application of : Gerhard HARTWICH  
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DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID-OLIGOMER  
HYBRIDISATION EVENTS  
  
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The Applicant is petitioning for a three month extension of term, in the accompany Request for Continued Examination, thereby extending the term for response to and including **January 15, 2004**. Please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 127 as follows in which the claim additions are shown by underlining and/or the claim deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the amended claims into the record of this case.